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My very good Friends

His Excellency wishes your Company at dinner tomorrow, and if Mr. Jo: Watts should arrive between this and three O'Clock tomorrow, we shall expect he will be of the Party.

Yr. Sincerely

T. Tilghman

Sunday Evening —

SOME SOCIAL NOTES

ADDRESSED TO

SAMUEL BLACHLEY WEBB

1776–1791

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PREFACE

THE interest attaching to these notes of invitation is personal and historical. They were written to a man who had in early life served in the Continental army, first as aid to Major General Putnam, then as aid to General Washington; passing thence to the command of a regiment, he had been captured by the British and had been held long, but not in an entirely irksome manner, and with some of his fellow officers, as a prisoner of war on Long Island. After many annoying but necessary delays he was exchanged, and resumed service, but met no opportunity to distinguish himself; a brevet rank of brigadier general was given to him at the close of the war, and his military associations were maintained by his membership of the Cincinnati — an order of merit at the time, and since become the most eminent of many patriotic societies. To attain this position, however, it was obliged to sacrifice some of the leading ideas of its founders, and to endure a period of neglect which almost proved its extinction.

A native of Connecticut, General Webb's early life was passed in Wethersfield, Connecticut. The War of Independence removed him from so narrow a field of action, and before the peace of 1783 he had seen much that developed his character, experienced much that had made village life impossible, and had formed connections which

brought him to New York, then a city of second or third rank in the country, and a sufferer by the occupation of the British. The evacuation was accompanied by the migration of not a few Loyalists, men who had been prominent in colonial history, and in that period of official favoritism had represented much of the wealth and intelligence of the community. The loss to the city was great, and in more ways than one; but an opportunity opened for new characters, a new tone of social intercourse, and the inevitable growth of commercial importance that a fine harbor, a central position, and easy access to other States ensured. Enough of the Dutch and Tory elements remained to provide a leaven for the newer activities, and the rising commercial members.

Then, too, New York was the centre of the Confederation, the place in which the Continental Congress met. Wherever that body assembled, a body of select delegates representing every State, there naturally were to be found all the advantages that appertain to the capital city of a nation. There were the offices, such as they were, and favors of administration distributed; there were the treasury and the public contracts, still offering some profitable chances in spite of the almost hopeless difficulty Congress encountered in wringing a revenue from the reluctant States. Men from the Southern and Middle States met with those from New England, and prominent in their own States they received and gave social attentions which were not the least of the advantages to be enjoyed in the city. Entertainment, hospitality and high intercourse gave a train-

ing to faculties and an active enjoyment not to be met with elsewhere. The men who had made the States, and the men who had fought the Revolution met, and in a friendly manner entered into a contest for dominance and influence. After the adoption of the Constitution, the organization of the new government gave greater opportunities, and even after the seat of government had been removed from New York, that city wielded an influence that was its due and that increased as the years passed.

Into this life General Webb entered with zest and keen pleasure. He had almost been appointed Secretary at War, under the Confederation, but that coveted position had been given to Major General Benjamin Lincoln, whose fortunes and misfortunes in the war seemed to demand that recognition. He had his military associates, and a wide acquaintance in the city to which even his imprisonment had contributed. He knew many of the members of Congress, and, a young widower, of decidedly social tastes and talents, he continually extended his acquaintanceship, which soon ripened into friendships. New York society had never offered so much, and few were so capable of enjoying it at its best.

The following "billets," a selection from a mass, will show his connections and associates. Signers of the Declaration of Independence, members of the Continental Congress, the representatives of foreign governments, late military officers now members of a peaceful community, "old residents" having claims to superiority, merchants and officials — the procession passes. The names carry

weight, the forms of expression are characteristic, the occasions picture the social life of the city, and the whole marks the attitude of the writers to the recipient of the favors. As a slight contribution to the social history of New York this collection will possess a permanent and a living interest.

WORTHINGTON CHAUNCEY FORD.

JULY, 1911.

SOME SOCIAL NOTES

FROM MRS. PHILIPS.[1]

Mrs. Philips Compts. wait on Coll. Webb takes the liberty of troubling him with another pacquet for Mr. Philips, and begs the favor of Coll. Webb if he receives any letters for Mrs. Philips to hire some person purposely to bring them to Philipsborough, as she will gladly defray any Expences.

Mrs. Philips begs her Compts. be rendered acceptable to his Excellency Genl. Washington.

PHILIPSBOROUGH. Wednesday. [1776.]

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[1] Wife of Frederick Philips, proprietor of Philipsborough, and a loyalist. It was only natural that he and his family should be under suspicion, as one of his sisters married Beverley Robinson and another, Roger Morris, both of whom served in the British army; yet nothing that Philips did justified the persecution that deprived him of his property and drove him from the State. At this time he was probably within the British lines. He had a high position and a reputation for amiability, and Mrs. Philips had the same quality. Before the Revolution David Humphreys, later in Washington's military family with Webb, was an inmate of this household.

FROM JOSEPH CHEW.[1]

[New York, February, 1778.]

Mr Chew's Compliments to Colo Webb, he has been Confined with a very sore Eye several days, or he would have Called on the Colo, who he should be very Glad to see. Mr Chew is desired not to go out this day, he Lodges in Smith Street next door to General Jones House where he wishes Colo Webb would be so good as to Call on him.

Tuesday.

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[1] Chew was of Virginia origin, who removed to Connecticut, and was related to the Webb family. He was a loyalist, held the appointment of a commissary in the King's army, and was taken prisoner at Sag Harbor in 1777. He became connected with the office of Commissary of Prisoners at a later time. This billet is addressed to "Colo Samuel B. Webb at Mr Sherbrooks." Just after Webb's capture by the British, his brother wrote: "On your arrival at [New] York I wish you to go direct to Mr [Miles] Sherbrooke; it must be the first House you go to. You'll find him and his Lady quite alone. (I had engaged you lodgings at Miss Coventry's with Christopher *Miller*, who you'll find clever, and I wish you to wait on him,) but Mr Sherbrooke insists upon your taking Lodgings at his House, and I know not but it will be best for many reasons. For however he says he differs in sentiment, he will not say anything on public matters to you. You shall live more retir'd with him than other person, and that he will be your particular friend." *Correspondence and Journals of Samuel Blachley Webb*, II, 9.

FROM MRS. VAN HORNE.[1]

Mrs. Van Horne's Compliments wait on Col. Webb would esteem it a favor if he would deliver the papers she sends to Doctr. Tudor who goes thro Connecticut.[2]

Wednesday Morn. [June, 1778.]

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[1] Probably the wife of Augustus Van Horne, who remained in New York during the occupation, and became well known for his hospitality and kindness to the unfortunate on both sides. A Gabriel Van Horne died at Fredericton, New Brunswick, in 1815.

[2] Webb was at this time at Flatbush, anxiously awaiting his exchange. Application for this had been made, but as Washington laid down the rule that officers should be exchanged only in the order of their capture, its operation would prevent Webb's release for some time. The date of this letter is fixed by that from E. Tudor, of June 20, 1778, printed in *Correspondence and Journals of Samuel Blachley Webb*, II, 107. Unable to accompany Tudor, what had been entrusted to Webb was given to the Doctor. The Van Hornes were living near Flatbush.

FROM BRIGADIER GENERAL SPENCER.[1]

Gen'l. Spencer presents his Compliments to Colo. Webb and requests the favor of his Comp'y to breakfast with him at his Quarters at 9 o'Clock this Morning.

Wednesday Morning. [PROVIDENCE, 1778.]

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[1] The supposed ill-treatment of Lieut. Col. Connolly by the Continent induced the British to act with severity towards the prisoners in their hands, and Webb was long put off from a release on parole. Although this letter was endorsed 1778, it must have been written very early in the year, or an error in the year made. Brigadier General Joseph Spencer did not distinguish himself by good conduct in this war. Belonging to an older school of fighters, he thought Congress had passed over his claims to rank, and soon disappeared under the disfavor of the commander in chief. This note is in the writing of his aid.

FROM MRS. VAN HORNE.

Mrs. Van Horne's Compliments to Col. Webb would esteem it a favor if he would let his servant drive her to morrow to the ferry at one o Clock. the servant may return immediately.

FROM MRS. VAN HORNE.

Mrs. Van Horne's Compliments to Col. Webb would be much obliged to him for the last Monday's paper and requests the pleasure of his Company at tea this afternoon.

Wednesday [1]

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[1] This and the previous note are without dates or endorsements, giving the year of writing; but both were sent to him while a prisoner at Flatbush.

FROM MRS. AND MISS VAN HORNE.

[Flat Bush, February, 1779.]

M^rs and Miss Van Horne's are very happy to hear that Coll: Webb is to be indulged in paying a visit to his friends, wishes him a happy sight of them and an agreeable journey. Miss V. H. takes the liberty of troubling Coll: Webb with a letter for Miss Livingston. they beg their best Comp^ts to all who do them the honor of enquiring after them.

Compliments to Coll: Baylor.[1]

Sunday Even.

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[1] Early in February permission was given to Webb and Baylor to go to Philadelphia with a petition to Congress in behalf of the American prisoners on Long Island. *Correspondence and Journals of Samuel Blachley Webb*, II, 153. The petition was laid before Congress on February 17, and referred to a committee composed of Samuel Atlee, James Duane and Eliphalet Dyer. Before them Webb must have pleaded the cause of the prisoners, and so successfully that on March 5 a report prepared by Duane was adopted. See p. 10, *post*.

FROM MISS LIVINGSTON.[1]

[Elizabeth Town, 1779.]

Miss Livingston presents her Comp^ts^ to Coll: Webb begs the favor of him to send the Letters Col: Baylor[2] has for her by the Bearer. Miss Livingston will be happy to see Col: Webb and Col: Baylor this Morning at Mrs Noels,[3] if the Gentlemen are at Leisure.

Thursday.

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[1] Daughter of William Livingston, the patriot governor of New Jersey during the Revolution.

[2] George Baylor, of Virginia, an officer of merit and a man of social accomplishments.

[3] Probably the Noel house on Jersey Street, later the home of Jonathan Dayton.

FROM MR. DOREE AND DOCTOR RODMAN.

Mr Doree and Doct^{r} Rodman J^{r} [1] to wait on Coll^{n} Baylor and Coll^{n} Webb.

Mr Dorees Compliments shall be happy in the Gentlemen's Company to a Ball tomorrow Even^{g} at City Tavern.

Wednesday Morn^{g}.

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[1] Son of Dr. Thomas Rodman.

FROM COLONEL CONNOLLY.

[Philadelphia Gaol, March, 1779.]

Coll. Connolly [1] begs leave to present his Compliments to Coll. Webb, and as He has this day heard that Coll. Webb intends shortly to return for New York, would be happy to know whether the prevailing report that the mode of Exchange is referred to Genl. Washington can be depended upon as authentic.[2]

Thursday 12 oClock.

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[1] Col. John Connolly enjoyed great misfortunes in the war. An agent of Lord Dunmore, and commissioned to raise troops for the King, he was seized and suffered a long imprisonment. No definite charge was brought against him, but he was held on suspicion, and treated not very gently by his custodians. He told his story in many memorials to Congress and in a *Narrative*, which is printed in volumes XII and XIII of the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. Webb had suffered because of the methods used to harry Connolly. *Correspondence and Journals of Samuel Blachley Webb*, II, 131.

[2] See *Journals of the Continental Congress* (Ford), XIII, 280. The preamble read: "Whereas, Congress have on all occasions manifested an earnest desire to alleviate the calamities of war, and more especially to relieve the distresses of those brave and virtuous men, who with inflexible fortitude have sustained the rigours of a long captivity."

As this resolution was passed March 5, Connolly's letter was probably written at that time.

FROM COLONEL TILGHMAN.

[Middlebrook, March, 1779.]

My very good Friends

His Excellency [1] wishes your Company at dinner tomorrow, and if Mr. Jo[hn] Webb should arrive between this and three o'Clock tomorrow, we shall expect he will be of the party.

Y^rs sincerely

T. Tilghman [2]

Sunday Evening [3]

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[1] General Washington.

[2] Tilghman was of the General's family, and proved a valuable aid.

[3] We may assume that Webb took to Washington the official copy of the resolution of Congress on prisoners, passed on Friday, March 5. Washington's quarters were then at Middlebrook, and the letter was probably written on Sunday, March 14. On that day Washington wrote to Sir Henry Clinton enclosing the resolution and making a proposition for a cartel, or exchange of prisoners. *Writings of Washington* (Ford), VII, 362. Pleased to see that the question now reposed wholly in military hands, Sir Henry arranged for a conference, and named Colonel Hyde and Captain André, as his representatives. On Washington's part the commissioners were Colonel Davies and Lieutenant Colonel Harrison. Nothing came of the meeting, which was held at Amboy, April 12.

FROM MR. BARRELL.

Mr. Barrell [1] presents Compliments to Col° Webb and asks the favour of his Company to Dinner on Tuesday next — 3 o Clock p.m.[2]

Water Street, Saturday, 3 April, 1779.

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[1] The writer may be Joseph Barrell, who married Webb's sister, Sarah. I cannot account for his presence in New York, for he does not appear to have had any connection with the English forces. He lived at Ten Hills, near Boston, where he entertained generously. A merchant, he was interested in the first ventures to the Pacific coast, being a part owner in the ship *Columbia*.

[2] Webb must have returned to New York before March 30, for he applied before that day to be released on parole, and on the 4th he is found writing to the British Commissary General of Prisoners asking that General William Thompson be permitted to attend the conference on prisoners at Amboy. The parole was not granted.

FROM DR. BARD.

[New York, May, 1779.]

Doct. Bard presents his Compliments to Coll. Web and requests the favor of him when he arrives at Peeks Kill to enquire for an opportunity of sending the small packet which accompanies this note, to Mr Jay or Govr Clinton — either of w^h^ Gentlemen will be kind enough to forward it to his Father.

Thursday Evening.

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[1] Dr. Samuel Bard (1742–1821), son of Dr. John Bard, one of the most prominent practitioners in New York for many years, and long connected with the medical department of King's, or Columbia, College, becoming dean of the faculty. His connection with President Washington has given him reputation, for he was his physician and friend while the seat of government remained at New York. His biography was written by John McVickar.

May 12 Colonel Webb received permission from the British General to "go home on your Parole and to remain there till called for." See letter of Loring, reproduced in *Correspondence and Journals of Samuel Blachley Webb*, II, 169. He reached Trenton May 14.

FROM JOHN CHESTER.[1]

[WETHERSFIELD, June, 1779.]

The Dwellers at the Old Mansion in Broad street, present their Love to those at Webbs Hall, and ask the favor of their Company to dine this day on Calfs Head at One o'Clock. Brother Jack [2] begs liberty to inform his sister Webb,[3] that Mr Graham is about to set off for N London this Morning from this house, and if she has any Commands, would gladly execute them for her, or any of the Family.

Wednesday morn 8 o Clock.

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[1] Colonel John Chester (1749–1809) had married Elizabeth Huntington, a sister of two distinguished officers in the War of Independence, Jedidiah and Ebenezer Huntington. A brother of Samuel B. Webb, Joseph, had married a sister of Colonel Chester.

[2] *I. e.* John Chester.

[3] Abigail, wife of Joseph Webb.

FROM MAJOR GENERAL GATES.[1]

General Gates presents his Compliments to Col° Webb, requests the favour of his Company at Dinner, to morrow, at the Cold Spring, to Celebrate the Anniversary of the Declaration of Independency, and the Success of the Arms of the United States in South Carolina.[2]

Sunday Eve. July 4th 1779.

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[1] From *Correspondence and Journals of Samuel Blachley Webb*, II, 176, where it is reproduced in facsimile.

[2] This probably refers to Prevost's unsuccessful attempt on Charleston, in June of this year. See Winsor, *Narrative and Critical History of America*, VI, 520.

The time of this celebration is not without interest, as Gates was being played by Lee, Conway and Mifflin to weaken Washington and to drive him from the command. Two days after the date of this invitation, Lee's "Queries" appeared in the "Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser," and attracted wide attention for a time, but proved more dangerous to the questioner than to Washington.

FROM MR. LIVINGSTON.[1]

Mr John R. Livingston presents his Compliments to Colo Webb [and] would be happy to have the honor of his Company to Dine on Tuesday next.

Boston, Jany 1780. Friday Noon.

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[1] In 1799 John R. Livingston had not only a residence of some pretension on Broadway, but a suburban house also.

FROM MR. OTIS.[1]

Mr Otis's Compliments to Col^o Webb and begs fav^r of him to hand the inclosed to Mrs Bostwick.

[Boston] Sunday, January 23^d 1780.

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[1] Samuel Alleyne Otis (1740–1814) was a brother of the famous James Otis, and after studying law turned to commerce. The War of Independence intervened, and he became interested in the contracts for supplying clothing to the army, forming a partnership with one, Andrews, and later with Henley. He served as a member of the Massachusetts Board of War, as a member of the convention for framing a constitution for the State, and as one of the commissioners sent to treat with Daniel Shays, when the insurrection arose against the Courts of the Commonwealth. After the adoption of the Constitution he was chosen Secretary of the Senate of the United States, a place he held till his death. His wife, Elizabeth Gray, was a daughter of Harrison Gray, the last of the royal receivers-general of the Massachusetts province. Their son, Harrison Gray Otis, occupied a distinguished position in the Federal party.

FROM MR. PLATT.

[HARTFORD.]

Mr Platts Compliments wait on Mr Webb. he is informed by a line recd from Genl Parsons last evening, that the Committee at the School House, request his attendance there on Monday 2 o Clock to give them some information respecting the prices of goods etc. etc. he is sensible he can be of very little service [to] them, as it will not be in his power to afford them much information on that head; but willing to gratify them by complying with their request, and to shew every mark of respect, in giving them what little information he can, has agreed to meet them. He is sorry the consequence will be, the treating his friends with a degree of impoliteness he wou'd wish to have avoided; as it will necessarily deprive him [of] the pleasure of seeing them To-morrow as he proposed. He hopes on this occasion Mr Webb will excuse him, and apologize to his brothers and Mr Deane. He assures them, that had he not considered them, as those of his friends who he was certain wou'd readily give him that additional proof of friendship, by pardoning a freedom of this kind, the call of the Committee shou'd not have been heard at present. Mr Platt hopes however to have the favor of Mr Webbs and the other Gentlemen's company at dinner on Tuesday next.

Sunday Afternoon, Jan'y 30th, 1780.[1]

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[1] This note was addressed to Joseph Webb, and may relate to the proposed meeting of one of the many committees appointed to inquire

into and restrict the prices of commodities. Inquisitorial in their nature, and wholly wrong in their methods, they did greater mischief than benefit. The high prices were due to the excessive issues of the bills of credit, both by the States and by the Continent. The system broke down in this year, and the Continental currency ceased to have circulation. The writer was Ebenezer Platt, whose name was on the pension list under the act of 1832, and who must have served two years in the army to meet the conditions of that act.

FROM MR. WALLACE.[1]

[Rariton, February, 1780.]

Mr Wallace presents Comp^ts^ to Col^o^ Webb, and will be happy in having the Pleasure of his Comp^y^ to dine with Lord Stirling [2] at his House to Day.

Friday Morning.

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[1] It was on the north bank of the Rariton that Webb visited in May, 1779, and it was there he saw Miss Eliza Bancker, who became his wife.

[2] William Alexander, Lord Stirling, had been aid de camp to Governor Shirley, and held colonial office before the War of Independence. He married a daughter of Philip Livingston, embraced the side of the colonies, and attained rank by services of no great brilliancy, but always directed by intelligence and discretion.

FROM MR. LOTT.

Mr Lott [1] presents his respectful Compliments to Col: Webb and requests the favor of his Company to Dine and pass the Evening on Friday next.

[Troy] March 12th. 1780.

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[1] A friend of the Banckers. See *Correspondence and Journals of Samuel Blachley Webb*, II, 248. Perhaps Abraham Lott, who had been treasurer of the Province in 1776, and was one of the new Chamber of Commerce in 1784.

FROM COLONEL STEWART.

[Huts near Morris-Town, April, 1780.]

Col° Stewarts [1] respectful Compliments attend Col° Webb and Lt Col° Huntington,[2] will do Himself the pleasure of Dining with them on Thursday. Col° S—— begs Col° W will excuse his being there to day as he has got some business to Transact. Major Hamilton [3] is from Home at present.

Wednesday Morn'g.

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[1] Colonel Walter Stewart, who gained an excellent reputation in the War of Independence. He is jokingly mentioned in the *Correspondence and Journals of Samuel Blachley Webb*, II, 255, in connection with a hat.

[2] Ebenezer Huntington, of Webb's regiment.

[3] Probably James Hamilton, major in the Second Pennsylvania regiment.

FROM COLONEL AND MRS. BIDDLE.

[Morristown, May, 1780.]

Col° and Mrs Biddle[1] present their compliments to Miss Bancker[2] and requests the favour of her Company to dinner on Tuesday.

Sunday evening.

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[1] Clement Biddle (1740–1814), a Quaker merchant of Philadelphia at the outbreak of the Revolution, and a soldier and correspondent of Washington after the peace.

[2] Now engaged to Colonel Webb. They were married in October, 1780.

FROM COLONEL BIDDLE.

[Morristown, May, 1780.]

Colonel Biddle presents his Compliments to Col° Webb and Col° Huntington [1] and is sorry he cannot do himself the pleasure of dining with them being preengaged to go with Col° Hay [2] to Mount hope [3] to morrow.

Monday.

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[1] Ebenezer Huntington.

[2] Udney Hay, of Pennsylvania, connected with the quartermaster-general's department during the war.

[3] The location of an iron furnace.

FROM MR. VAN ZANDT.

[Morristown, May, 1780.]

Mr Van Zandts[1] most respectful Comp^ts^ wait on Coll Webb, request the favour of His good Comp^y^, at dinner this day.

Wednesday Morn'g.

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[1] Jacobus Van Zandt, of Morristown.

FROM LIEUTENANT COLONEL HUNTINGTON.

[Morristown, May, 1780.]

Dear Webb

I have requested Mr Beers [1] to ride your black Horse to Morris, and if the Mare is found to ride her back again. as yet I can hear nothing of her. I have Invited the Officers [2] to dine with us this day, beg your Attendance. we must have them this day or lose our fresh Meat. Make my Compliments to Mrs Green [3] and *family*, say more to Miss Bancker tell her my love to *her*. Adieu.

Dinner at 3 o Clock

E. Huntington.

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[1] Nathan Beers, paymaster to Webb's Additional Continental regiment.

[2] A list of the officers of Webb's regiment at this time will be found in *Correspondence and Journals of Samuel Blachley Webb*, II, 264.

[3] Mrs. Nathanael Greene.

Webb was not exchanged until November, 1780.

FROM MR. AND MRS. BROOME.[1]

[WETHERSFIELD, January, 1781.]

Mr. and Mrs. Broome present their Compliments to Colonel Webb, and ask the favour of his Company to morrow Afternoon and Evening.

Tuesday morning.

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[1] John Broome of the New York family, and residing at Wethersfield during the occupation of New York by the British. In July, 1780, Webb embarked from Wethersfield with a few friends for Newport, Rhode Island, to see the French fleet and army. One of the party was "J. Broome," doubtless the writer of the note. See p. 46 *infra*.

FROM MAJOR GENERAL HEATH.

General Heath's[1] Compliments to Colonel Webb, will forward his Letter by the first conveyance, had it been a little earlier should have gone this morning. G. H. will be very happy in seing Colo. W. at Westpoint, whenever it may be Convenient, regrets the weather depriving him [of] that pleasure to Day. A scarcity of paper prevailing on this as well as the East side of the river, G. H. can only condole with Colo. W. under the misfortune, but in this C. W. has the advantage, for it is not possible, be his note ever so small, that it should not be respectable.

Sunday Morning [West Point].
Feb'ry 11th. 1781.

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[1] Major General William Heath just fell short of being eccentric. Possessed of a high opinion of his own merits, he yet won the confidence of his superiors, and was placed in charge of the important post of the Highlands. Never performing a great deed, he conducted such operations as fell to his charge with zeal and a certain touch of the spectacular. His merits and his weakness are shown in his *Autobiography*, which is still readable and reliable.

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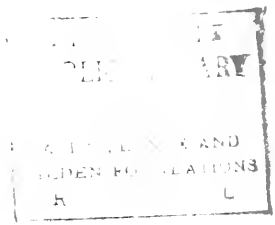

FROM BRIGADIER GENERAL PARSONS.

Genl Parsons [1] thanks Col^{o} Webb for his Politeness in sending him the Information containd in his Billet: and informs Col. Webb that the Eastern Papers in his Possession confirm this Acc^{t} by different Channels, if Col. Webb will take Coffee at ½ after 7 in ye Morning with the Genl he will shew him the Eastern and Southern Papers.

[Highlands,] 15th Feby. 81

[1] Samuel Holden Parsons, of Connecticut, with whose good name certain entries in the record of the British general's secret service money played some pranks. Stationed in Connecticut, and in connection with the known intercourse between Long Island and that State, he served as an intelligence officer, and, it is claimed, made advances to obtain information, not to give it, or to act a treacherous part. Apart from Clinton's minutes there exists no evidence of the connection, and his known and tried loyalty forbids the harboring of a suspicion of dishonorable conduct.

FROM BRIGADIER GENERAL PARSONS.

Genl Parson's Comp^{s} to Col^{o} Webb and desires his Compy. as early as he can make it convenient in the Morning on some special Business.

[Highlands,] 24th Feby. 81

FROM MRS. HAY.

Mrs Hays [1] Compliments Wait on Colo: Webb. Informs him the Chest sent for is Deliverd to the bearer She will be happy to see him at Poughkepsie.

[Poughkeepsie, Sun]day Evening
Feby 1781.

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[1] Wife of Col. Udney Hay of Pennsylvania.

FROM MR. IMLAY.

Mr Imlay[1] presents his Compliments to Col: Webb, and requests the favor of his Company, on Monday Evening. —

Saturday P. M. —
[HARTFORD Jany. 1782]

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[1] Probably another instance of a New York family seeking refuge in the neighboring colony. A William Imlay was, with John Jay, named executor of Barend Cuyler's will, dated 1771, but it is impossible to say that the note was written by William Imlay. He was a freeman and merchant in New York in 1769.

FROM BRIGADIER GENERAL AND COLONEL HUNTINGTON.

G[eneral] [1] and C[olonel] Huntington Compliments to Col. Webb and thank him for his kind Invitation, but beg to be excused as they are undressed and just going to sleep hard against Tomorrow Night

9 o'Clock
[Jany. 1782]

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[1] Jedidiah Huntington (1743–1818), one of the officers who made a true reputation in the War of Independence, trusted by his inferior as well as superior officers, and prominent in a quiet way in not a few important passages. He held many local offices after the peace, and was a leading member in the Cincinnati. He retired with the brevet rank of Major General. Ebenezer, his brother, is meant by Colonel Huntington, obtaining the rank by serving as aid to Major General Lincoln.

FROM MR. COLT.[1]

Mr Colt presents his Compliments to his Friend Colo Webb; requests the favour of his spending the Evening with him together with a few Gentlemen; The peculiar Situation of Mr Colt's Family renders it impossible to make the same Invitation to the Ladies of the Families. Mr Colt will depend on his Friend Webb's making his best Compliments to Colo Cary,[2] whose Company will be expected and most acceptable, and excuse to him this Seeming neglect of Mrs Cary, and the other Ladies of the Family.

Thursday morng 10th Jany 1782
WETHERSFIELD

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[1] Peter Colt, originally of New Haven, but later of Hartford, who was Deputy Commissary General of Purchases in the Eastern Department until 1780, and after that associated with Jeremiah Wadsworth. He was treasurer of Connecticut 1789–93.

[2] Possibly Richard Cary of Massachusetts who had been appointed an aid to General Washington on the same day as Colonel Webb — 21 June, 1776.

FROM LIEUTENANT COLONEL SMITH.

L[t] Col[o] Smith [1] presents his Compliments to Col[o] Webb and as he arrived in Camp last night and immagines his friends in Connecticut would be pleased to hear from him speedily, would be obliged if Col[o] Webb would inform when opportunities offer to Wheathersfield. he is happy to hear Col[o] Webb is well and will embrace the first opportunity of taking him by the Hand.

H[EA]D Q[UARTER]s, Monday A. M.
[April 29, 1782.]

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[1] William Stephens Smith (1755–1816) had served in the Massachusetts line, and as aid to Baron Steuben and General Washington. Marrying Abigail, daughter of John Adams, he accompanied the latter to England as Secretary of Legation. Subsequently he held office and sat in Congress. He never fulfilled the expectations based upon his qualities, although his military reputation stood high. In 1798 he did not obtain the recognition that seemed his due.

FROM LIEUTENANT COLONEL TRUMBULL.[1]

HEAD QUARTERS, 13 June, 1782

Dear Sir:

The General [2] is this day at the Point, so I cannot decide for his accepting your invitation any further than 'tis very probable he will attend your feast on that day, and will doubtless be glad of a good dinner.

Myself you will probably see if circumstances will admit. Some of the family [3] will, no doubt, attend the General — particular I cannot determine. I am, yours most devotedly

J[onathan] Trumbull [Jr.]
A. D. C.

N. B. General Lincoln [4] is with us, and will come with the General if he attends you.[5]

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[1] Son of Governor Trumbull, and brother of the artist John Trumbull. He also served as governor of Connecticut.

[2] Washington, then on the North River.

[3] Washington's military family.

[4] Major General Benjamin Lincoln, soon to become Secretary at War.

[5] From the *Reminiscences of General Samuel B. Webb*, 301. Another note from Trumbull is printed on p. 302 of the same work, but with a wrong date. It said: "The General [Washington] and lady return their compliments; they are going tomorrow on a visit to Governor Clinton and lady at Poughkeepsie; their return is uncertain. Should it be the same day, and Mrs. Washington is not too fatigued, she will be happy to accept your invitation.

"Enclosed are the replies to your notes to Generals [Henry] Knox and [Edward] Hand. Should the General and lady not be able to attend you, 'tis probable you may see the muzzles of some of the family."

FROM MR. INGERSOLL.

Mr Ingersoll's Compl.ts to Coll Webb and would be glad of the favor of his Company to Dinner tomorrow at 2 o Clock pm.

Sunday Evening

FROM COLONEL STEWART.

D[r] Webb

Having been during the course of the Week almost constantly from Home, and finding my Business getting a Head of me, I am sure you will Excuse my remaining at Home to Combat with it, And not dining, as I could wish with you. I am yrs. Sincerely

WALTER STEWART [1]

Sunday Noon
[WEST POINT, Aug. 1782.]

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[1] See p. 22, *supra*.

FROM MR. MARSTON.

Mr John Marston's compts. to B[rigadier] G[eneral] Webb. will Esteem it a Favor if he will subscribe for Him to the Dancing Assembly, and let the Man call for the Subscription, being unwell prevented his going to Capes, hopes the Genl will excuse this Liberty.

Saturday Evening 13. Decemr [1783.]
[N. York]

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[1] John Marston, merchant, became a freeman of the city in 1768. In 1799 he lived on Pine Street.

FROM MR. MARSTON.

Mr John Marston's comp^{ts} to Brig^{r} Genl Webb, requests the Pleasure of His and Brothers company to Morrow Eveng. at a Card party.

Monday 15. Decem^{r} [1783.]
[N. York]

FROM MR. AND MRS. GAINE.[1]

Mr. and Mrs. Gaine's Complements to General Webb, and would be glad of his Company To-morrow, to partake of a Family Dinner, with a few of his Friends, at Two o'Clock.

Thursday Eve.
Dec. 11, 1783
[N. York]

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[1] The handwriting is that of Hugh Gaine the well known printer and publisher in New York. He married Sarah, daughter of John Robbins, whose will was proved April 21, 1773. Gaine had printed a journal that changed its politics with the occupation of New York, but was not the less considered for that weakness at the end of the war. He died in 1807. See Ford's *Hugh Gaine*.

FROM MR. SEARS.

M[r] Sear's [1] compliments to Gen[l] Webb and asks the pleasure of his company to Dine on Saturday next at three o Clock.

Wednesday December 30th. [1783.]
[N. York]

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[1] Isaac Sears, also known as "King" Sears, one of the leaders of the patriotic party in New York city in the first years of the War of Independence. He led the attack upon James Rivington's printing office, and by his mercantile connections aided in the supply of the Continental army. As his energy served well in the earlier years of the contest, when "patriotism" was represented by the Sons of Liberty, of which he was an active member, so it proved of little service in the later years. Losing his fortune in the war he sailed to China in 1785, and died at Canton in the following year.

FROM MR. WADDINGTON.[1]

M[r] Waddington presents Compliments to Gen[l] Webb, and requests the favor of an Assembly Ticket for this Evening for Cap[n] Dawson a British Officer who arrived from England in the Ship Edward, provided it is not disagreeable to the Managers.

Broadway, Thursday 15th Jany. [17]84
[N. York]

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[1] Joshua Waddington, a British sympathizer, was the defendant in the suit of Rutgers *v.* Waddington, which was won for him by the plea of his counsel, Alexander Hamilton. He was a man of large means, and one of the founders of the Bank of New York.

FROM MR. BAYARD.[1]

Mr. N. Bayard presents his compliments to Gen. Webb and requests the honor of his company at Dinner on Tuesday next.

Saturday
[N. York Jany. 1784]

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[1] Nicholas Bayard, a member of a large and important New York family. His daughter married a son of John Van Rensselaer, a descendant of a Patroon, and her son inherited the Van Rensselaer lands at Claverack where Webb settled after his marriage with Miss Hogeboom.

FROM MR. APTHORP.[1]

My dear Sir,

If you have not got a Male Canary bird, I shall take as a favor if you will be so good as to lend me your hen, as that I have is blind and unfit for the *Service;* if I have your's I hope I shall secure a breed for you, the owner of my bird, and myself. I sett out for Hartford on Tuesday, if you have any Commands pray send them to

Your obliged Friend

CH. W. APTHORP

Saturday 15 May, [1784.]
[BLOOMINGDALE]

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[1] Charles Ward Apthorp. His house in the suburban region was long famous, having been built by him in 1767. It stood on what is now Ninth Avenue, near Ninety-first Street. A loyalist, he was known and respected on both sides.

FROM MR. BROOME.

Alderman Broome[1] Presents his Compliments to Gen! Webb and asks the favour of His Company at Dinner Tomorrow.

Friday morning.
[N. York, May, 1784.]

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[1] John Broome (1738–1810), a leading merchant of New York, and active in local institutions in that city. He assisted in framing the constitution of 1777, and in 1804 was elected lieutenant governor. See also p. 27, *supra*. His house in 1799, was in Pearl Street, and his office at 6 Hanover Square. He had been elected an alderman in 1784, when the first administration after the evacuation was formed.

FROM MR. MARSTON.

Dear Webb,

Will you meet a few of y^r^ Friends at my house on Friday next at Four Clock to Dine, and oblige

Yrs

J. MARSTON

Tuesday June 1, [1784.][1]
[NEW YORK.]

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[1] See p. 39, *supra*.

FROM MR. SHALER.[1]

M[r] Shalers Compliments to General Webb, and wishes to know whether he has yet seen M[r] Livingston and what is absolutely determined on respecting the Beef Steaks as the time for marketing for this day is now come. notwithstanding the Sanguine appearance [2] this note makes on a first view you are convinced now you have read thus far that there is nothing Hostile in it.

Thursday Morng
17 June, [1784.]
[New York]

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[1] Nathaniel Shaler, a friend of Webb in boyhood, and now connected with some mercantile house. He does not appear to have been in service in the war.

[2] Red ink was used.

FROM MR. LOTT.[1]

Dear Webb,

I have been in the same Situation with Genl. Gates [2] you were he now informs me he will dine with me this day at 4. o Clock. Should you be at leisure and can put up with a tail invitation, be assured your company, to partake with us, will afford real pleasure to

Your assured friend, etc., etc.

A. Lott

Tuesday morning
[New York, June, 1784]

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[1] Abraham Lott, one of the large landowners in Flatbush, Long Island, who had been very friendly with the Banckers when in exile in New Jersey.

[2] General Gates was at this time living on his estate in Virginia, attracting little or no attention, and apparently forgotten by the people. In 1790 he removed to New York.

FROM BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAMS.

Genl Williams [1] compliments to Genl. Webb — As he will not be in Town on Monday He cannot have the Honor, and pleasure of dining with his Friend on that Day

Saturday
[N. York, June, 1784.]

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[1] Otho Holland Williams (1749–1800), of Maryland, who had undergone a long and cruel imprisonment at the hands of the British. He served in the southern army both with Gates and Greene, and came out of the war with a deserved reputation for bravery and discretion. At the peace he was named collector for the port of Baltimore by the State government, and retained the place on its becoming a federal appointment, holding it until his death.

FROM MR. APTHORP.

30 June, 84

My dear Sir,

My Servant waits on you for the Canary bird if you have the breeding Cage and can spare it, it will be convenient and shall be returned.

I expect the pleasure of your company at dinner on Sunday I dont know whether I askt that favor yesterday, if I did not I now request it. I am allways — Dr Sir,

Your^s^

C. W. APTHORP [1]

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[1] See p. 45, *supra*.

FROM MR. AND MRS. BURR.

M^{r} and Mrs Burr's [1] compliments to Genl. Webb, and beg the honor of his Company to dine tomorrow.

Friday [New York June 1784.]

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[1] Of Aaron Burr it is needless to say anything. At this time he was in good standing, an ambitious man whom the temptations and opportunity for intrigue had not yet mastered. He had married, in 1782, Mrs. Theodosia Prevost, the widow of an English officer, by some ten years his senior, and having two sons by her former husband. He entertained on a liberal scale in New York, and was gradually drawn into the political career that with all its defects of character presents a brilliant and interesting subject for study. The invitation is in the writing of Burr himself.

FROM MR. SEARS.

Mr. Sears[1] returns compliments to General Webb, is exceedingly sorry that he cannot accept of his polite Invitation, as a violent cold deprives him [of] that pleasure.

Monday Morning July 19th
[N. York July 1784]

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[1] See note on p. 42, *supra*.

FROM MISS BACHE.[1]

Miss Bache's compliments to M[r] Webb and will be much obliged to him if he will call for her this afternoon at half past three oclock or any hour more agreeable to Miss Duyken.

Saturday morning
[New York 24th July 1784]

Miss Eliza Bache's Billet]

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[1] Eliza, daughter of Theophylact Bache (1734–1807). Born in the West Riding of Yorkshire, he came to New York in 1751, engaged in a profitable mercantile business, and took part in the protests against the tax measures of Parliament. Suspected, however, of being too favorable to the mother country in 1775, he lost his popularity, but partially regained it by his kind offices to American prisoners in New York. His brother, Richard, had migrated to Philadelphia and married Sarah, only daughter of Benjamin Franklin. A son by this marriage, Benjamin Franklin Bache, attained a somewhat unfavorable notoriety as a journalist and supporter of the rising Democratic-Republican party before his death in 1798.

FROM MR. SMITH.

M[r] Smith's [1] respectful Compliments to Gen[l] Webb, requests the honor of his Company to dine on Wednesday next at 3 oclock.

Saturday July 10th
[N York July 1784]

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[1] Paschal Smith of New York. William Smith, of Huntington, Long Island, had a son named Paschal N. Smith, and a note written in March, 1785, p. 107, *infra*, is endorsed as from Paschal N. Smith. The writing seems to be identical.

FROM MR. SMITH.

Mr Thos Smith's Compliments to Genl Webb, and requests his Attendance at Simmon's Tavern this Afternoon at 4 o'Clock precisely on the Subject of the Business he spoke to him yesterday.

Tuesday Morn^{g} —
[N York July 1784.]

FROM MR. LIVINGSTON.[1]

M[r] W[m] S Livingston presents his Compliments to Gen[l] Webb and requests the honor of his Company to Dinner on Friday next — Dinner at ½ past 3 oClock —

Wednesday Morn.g —
[N York July 1784]

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[1] William Smith Livingston, of New Jersey, lieutenant colonel in Webb's regiment, also captured and held by the English. In 1779 he fought a duel with Van Zandt, for an unknown cause, and wounded his opponent severely. Elected an assessor in 1791, he was not permitted to take the office, on the ground that he was not a properly qualified freeman of the city. The fact that his father and his grandfather had been freemen did not influence the result in his favor.

FROM MR. BROOME.

D[r] Sir

I am informd you have in your Possession a Negro Man for sale; If you do not wish to become the Purchaser, shall thank you to let him call at my House, as Mr[s] Broome wishes to see him.

Your obed[t] Serv[t]

Jn° Broome

N. B. His Character I am told is unexceptionable

July 17. 1784 [Alderman Broome N York]

FROM MRS. BROOME.

Mr Smith informs me that your Negro Man James is to be sold if you will be so good as to send him here this morning and the terms you will oblige yours

R Broome

[Mrs Broome's Billet New York July 1784]

FROM MR. SMITH.

Mr Smith returns his Compliments to General Webb. will do himself the pleasure of dining with him tomorrow on his Polite Invitation.

Sunday Noon July 10.

[Paschal Smith's Billet N York July 1784.]

FROM MR. SEARS.[1]

Mr Sears's compliments to General Webb, requests to be honor'd with his company to Dine on Wednesday next at 3 oClock.

Friday Morning
[Mr Isaac Sears' Billet July 1784.]

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[1] See p. 42, *supra*.

FROM MR. STEVENS.

M[r] Stevens' Compliments to Gen[l] Webb and requests the favor of his Company at dinner to-morrow three o'Clock.

Monday Morn
[New York July 1784.] [1]

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[1] See p. 80, *infra*.

FROM MESSRS. WILKINS AND FREEMAN

Mr Wilkins and J. Freeman will with great pleasure avail themselves of Genl Webbs polite Invitation to Dinner — but a previous Engagement obliges Mr Perkins to deprive himself of that Honor. For and in behalf of
JONATHAN FREEMAN JUN.

Genl S. B. Webb N YORK 5th July [1784.]

FROM MR. LUDLOW.[1]

M[r] Ludlow returns his Compliments to Gen[l] Webb and will do himself the Honor of Dining with him to Morrow.

Sunday Even[g]
[Dan[l] Ludlow's Billet, N York, July 1784.]

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[1] Daniel Ludlow, son of Gabriel and Elizabeth (Crommelin) Ludlow, inherited a fortune and a talent for commerce. His place of business was on Wall Street, but he lived on the East River, at a point called Baretto's Point.

FROM MR. BACHE.

Dear Sir

Mr^{s} Bache's indisposition, and pain will not allow me to be absent from her; I must therefore, beg you to excuse my waiting of you, at the best I should be a dull guest, at your hospitable Board. I am with esteem

Your most ob^{t} Hble Sir

THEOPHYLACT BACHE

Tuesday Morn^{g} Aug. 31st 1784 [NEW YORK.][1]

[1] See p. 54, *supra*.

FROM MR. FISH.

M[r] Fish [1] presents his compliments to M[r] Webb, if the Brigadier proposes to gratify the Members of Club with his presence at dinner to day, and has not provided himself with a more agreeable companion for the route; M[r] F — has the honor to tender himself.

Saturday morn[g].

[Lieu[t]. Col[o]. Fish New York 1784 August]

[1] Nicholas Fish (1758–1833) had reached the rank of lieutenant colonel before the close of the war and attained to positions of trust in the State of New York. He married a Stuyvesant, and his son Hamilton Fish, named after his long time friend Alexander Hamilton, held with high honor the office of Secretary of State in the cabinet of President Grant.

FROM MR. LEWIS.

Mr. Lewis [1] presents his Compliments to Gen[l] Webb, is sorry he cannot do himself the Honor of dining with him on Tuesday being preengaged to go on Long Island.

Sunday Morn

[Francis Lewis NEW YORK 29th]

[Aug[t] 1784.]

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[1] Francis Lewis (1713–1803), merchant and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. A Welshman by birth, he early came to America, and engaged in many public concerns in the colonial history of New York. His house at Whitestone had been burned by the British.

FROM MR. LEWIS.

Mr M. Lewis [1] presents his Comp. to General Webb and requests the Favor of his Comp^y. at Dinner on Wednesday next at 4 —

Monday 30th Aug^t.

[Morgan Lewis 1784 N York.]

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[1] Morgan Lewis, son of Francis Lewis, had acted as aid to Major General Gates and after the peace sat in the State legislature, became chief justice of the State, and finally, governor. In 1786, his law office is given at 59 Maiden Lane, but he devoted his attention to politics rather than to law. His standing as a lawyer gained him his first political successes.

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TILDEN FOUNDATIONS

Col. Hamilton will do himself the pleasure
to dine with General Webb to morrow

Aug. 30th

FROM COLONEL HAMILTON.

Col Hamilton [1] will do himself the pleasure to dine with General Web tomorrow

Augt 30.
[N York 30th Augt 1784]

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[1] Alexander Hamilton, the ablest aid of Washington in civil as well as military life, remained a warm friend of Webb after the war. His political insight, favored by a restlessness of mind that led him naturally in speculations in statesmanship, gave him great authority with his party and enabled him to direct the somewhat hesitating mind of Washington into favoring the desired measures. In proportion as this influence grew, the number of opponents increased, and such a dominance of one man was a source of danger rather than of strength to his party. In the end he preferred to split his party to recognizing the strength of a rival, and on him rests the defeat of John Adams and the success of the Jeffersonian following. He was at this time practicing law in New York.

FROM MR. MIDDLETON.

Mr H Middleton's [1] Compliments to Genl Webb and he begs leave to decline the honor of attending him into the country to morrow — he has heard many Ladies complain of a want of conveyance and thinks he shall render a more general service by accomodating two of them in a carriage which he has been fortunate enough to procure — Mr H M trusts that the occasion will prove a sufficient excuse for his not attending Genl Webb

Wednesday Night
[N York Sept. 1784]

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[1] Probably Henry Middleton of South Carolina. The family contained many prominent members. The elder Henry was president of the Continental Congress; his son Arthur was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and his sons were in diplomatic, naval or political service.

FROM MR. BLAGGE.[1]

M[r] J Blagge's Compliments to Gen[l] Webb and acquaints him that a young Gentleman of M[r] J[no] Leary's sets off for Virginia tomorrow Morning at 11 °Clock; which will be a good Conveyance for any Cash Gen[l] Webb may be desirous of forwarding to M[r] Josiah Watson —

Monday Evening 8 °Clock
[N York 6th September 1784]

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[1] John Blagge, a merchant of the city, and first Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, after the close of the war. His house was in John Street. The firm of Kibbe, Blagge and Co. was on Pearl Street.

FROM MR. LIVINGSTON.[1]

M[r] Ph: Livingston presents his Compliments to Gener[l] Webb and requests the favor of his Company at Dinner on Wednesday next at four oClock —

Whitehall N[o] 9
Monday Even[g] 4th October 1784.
[N York]

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[1] This is not the signer of the Declaration of Independence, though of the same family.

FROM MR. McEVERS.

M^r^ M^c^Evers presents his Compliments to Genl Webb requests the favor of his Company at Dinner tomorrow at ½ past 3 oClock

Tuesday morning

[Chas M^c^Evers's Junr Billet N York Novr 1784]

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[1] The M^c^Evers were leading merchants of New York. Charles, the elder, was one of the founders and a Treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, and by a marriage into the Verplanck family greatly widened his connections. One of the name, James, had been appointed a distributor of the stamped paper under the Stamp Act in 1765, but he wisely declined to act under the law. His place of business was in Hanover Square, and his house stood on what is now No. 50 Wall Street. Charles was his son, and traded with the far East.

FROM MR. SMITH.

Mr Smith's Compliments to General Webb and requests the favor of his Company to dine next Friday at three oClock —

Monday Morning

[P. Smith's Billet N York November 1784.]

FROM MR. VAN CORTLANDT.

M[r] John V. Cortlandt presents his Complim[ts] to General Web, and begs the favour of his Company to Dinner next Thursday.

Tuesday 30th Nov[r]
1784 [N York]

FROM MR. FISH.

M[r] Fish presents his compliments to M[r] Webb, and solicits the favor of his company at dinner, on Saturday next, half after three o'clock —

Tuesday Nov[r] 30th

[Nicholas Fish New York 1784.] [1]

[1] See p. 66, *supra*.

FROM MR. McEVERS.

M^r McEvers's Compliments to Genl and Mrs Webb, requests the favor of their Company this Evening — they will meet a sociable sett.

[Chas. McEvers N York Nov. 1784.] [1]

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[1] See p. 73, *supra*.

FROM MR. BAYARD.

M[r] Bayards compliments to Gen[l] Webb and requests the favor of his company at dinner on Friday next—3 oClock—

Wednesday Morning

[Nicholas Bayard NEW YORK Nov[r] 1784] [1]

[1] See p. 44, *supra*.

FROM MRS. LOTT.

General and Mr^s Hazen,[1] having this day engaged to Drink Tea and pass the evening tomorrow with M^r and Mr^s Lott, they will think themselves honored if General and Captain Webb, will be of the party

Sunday Evening 28th Novr 84

[Mr^s Lott N York]

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[1] Moses Hazen (1733–1802), a British officer on half pay at the outbreak of the Revolution, he threw his fortunes in with the revolting colonies. For the loss of his pay and property he received partial indemnification from Congress, and for his good military service he reached the rank of brigadier general. He appears to have led a somewhat wandering life, and died in Troy, New York.

FROM MR. STEVENS.

M[r] Stevens' [1] Compliments to Gen[l] Webb and requests the favor of his Company at dinner on Wednesday next at half past three O'Clock

Monday Nov. 22

[M[r] Jn[o] Stevens N York 1784]

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[1] John Stevens (1749–1838), the distinguished engineer and inventor, whose memory is perpetuated by the Stevens Institute, at Hoboken. He first applied steam to a screw-propeller, but the invention lay dormant from 1804 to 1837, when it came into use simultaneously in England and in the United States. He almost won the fame that came to Robert Fulton, and his long line of experiments in many fields prove him to have possessed high mechanical powers and a talent for inventiveness. His son, Robert Livingston Stevens, inherited his father's talents and leanings, and himself became a well-known inventor.

FROM MR. LIVINGSTON.

Mr Ph: Livingston presents his Compliments to General Webb, and he is very sorry that a pre-engagement prevents his having the pleasure of waiting upon him at Dinner today

Tuesday 7th December 1784
[New York]

FROM MR. WATKINS.

M[r] Watkins compliments to Genl: Webb requests the pleasure of his company to dine at two oclock on Thursday next

Heights of Harlem
Decem[r] 5 —

Answer if you please send N[o] 19 Maiden Lane

[1784]

FROM MR. LUDLOW.

Mr Ludlows Compliments to Genl Webb & is sorry that a prior Engagement prevents him from Accepting his Invitation for to day — M^{r} L — did not receive Genl Webbs Note before this Morn^{g} —

Wednesday

[Danl Ludlow N York Decr 1784] [1]

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[1] See p. 64, *supra*.

FROM MR. WALTON.[1]

Mr. Walton presents his Compliments to Genl. Webb, requests the Honor of his Company at dinner, and to pass next Saturday Evening, at four O'Clock.

Monday Morning
[Wm. Walton N York Decr. 25th 1784]

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[1] William Walton, one of the wealthy merchants and ship builders of New York lived in a house, built by himself, in St. George's, later Franklin Square, then (1754) one of the best sites in the city. He married a daughter of James De Lancey.

FROM MR. THOMPSON.

M[r] Thompson presents his compliments to Gen[l] Web Requests the favour of his company to tea & Pass the morning on friday next

Monday 27 Dec[r]

[W[m] Thompson New York 1784] [1]

[1] In 1799 he lived on Chatham Street, and had engaged in some lotteries.

FROM MR. ROOSEVELT.

M[r] Isaac Roosevelt [1] presents his Compliments to Gen[l] Webb and requests the Honor of his Company at Dinner on Tuesday next. 3 °Clock

M[r] Roosevelt will thank G. Webb for the name of the Captain of the french frigate.

Saturday
[N York Dec[r] 1784]

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[1] Isaac Roosevelt was a member of the Colonial and State legislatures and a prominent banker in New York. A merchant of large means, he had engaged in various ventures, and came to be regarded as one of the financial leaders in New York. He was a Federalist in politics. His son Nicholas was associated with Livingston and Stevens in their steamboat ventures.

FROM MISS COVENTRY AND MISS MILLER.

Miss Coventry and Miss Miller Presents their Compt to Mr Webbs request the favour of their Company to Tea and Pass the Eveng on Friday next

[N York Decr 1784]

FROM MISS SEARS.

General Webb kindly promised Miss M. Sears, to be the bearer of her commands, She imbraces his politeness by incloseing two letters to his care! his trouble will be rewarded by the sight of the two charming young Ladies, Miss Champlin in particular Miss M. recommends to General Webb

The Wind being fair must hurry your departure, I would not detain you by calling upon me as you Said [1] —

Sunday Morning
[N York Decr 1784]

[1] The following notes show that Webb went to Boston.

FROM MR. SARLY.

Mr Sarly returns Compliments to General Webb and will with pleasure accept his polite Invitation Tuesday Noon.
[Jacob Sarly N York Decr 1784] [1]

[1] Jacob Sarly was a voter in New York as early as 1761.

FROM MR. SULLIVAN.[1]

M[r] Sullivan sends his Compliments to General Webb and asks the favour of his Company to dine tomorrow at three oC.

Tuesday 11th Jany.

[Judge Sullivan Boston Jany 1785]

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[1] James Sullivan (1744–1808), at one time a leading lawyer of Massachusetts, an able politician, and one who enjoyed the highest offices in the gift of the State. His life, by his grandson, was published in 1859. In 1789 he resided on Cambridge Street, but had his office on Court Street.

FROM MR. DALTON.[1]

M[r] Dalton presents respectful Regards to General Webb and Capt Webb — is happy in General Knox's acquainting him of the Monday Evg Coterie — and will be highly gratified in the Honor of their Company — which favor M[r] D would have asked previous had he known of their being in Town

Monday Ev[g]
[Boston Jan[y] 1785]

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[1] Tristram Dalton (1738–1817), a whig and a lawyer, who lived at Spring Hill, and kept open house in entertainments.

FROM MAJOR L'ENFANT.[1]

M[r] L Enfant presents his compliments to general Webb and requests the honor of his compagnie to super and cards. — at Capes tavern on Monday Evening next 8. oClock

Friday Even[g] 25 Feb. [1785]

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[1] Peter Charles L'Enfant, engineer (1755–1825), and best known by his plan for the city of Washington, in the then Federal district. It was he who brought over the first eagles of the Cincinnati, and for some years he was held in estimation as an engineer and an architect. Certain frailities of temper made him a difficult collaborator, but the merit of his Washington plan has become so fully recognized as to make it the now adopted plan for the future arrangement of the public buildings.

FROM MR. MALIERE.

Mr Maliere's Compliments to General Webb and requests the Honor of his Company at Tea and pass the Evening on Friday next Feb: 11th

The Favor of an Answer is desired

Sunday Febr 6th [1785]

FROM MR. AND MRS. WALTON.[1]

M^r and Mrs Abr^m Walton's Compliments to General and Capt Webb and requests the honor of their Company at Tea and so pass next Friday Evening.

Tuesday 8th Feby 1785

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[1] Abraham, a brother of William Walton. He married the widow of Henry Rutgers. He had taken a prominent part in the committees appointed in 1774, and had been elected a representative of the city in the Provincial Congress.

FROM MR. WALTON.[1]

M[r] Gerard Walton presents his Compliments to General Webb and requests the honor of his Company at Dinner 3 oClock on Tuesday next and to pass the Evening

6th Feb[y] 85
[N York]

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[1] A brother of William Walton and associated with him in business.

FROM THE MISSES LOTT.

The Miss Lott's present compliments to Gen[l] Webb and request the favor of his company to Drink Tea and pass the evening on Wednesday next.

Friday morn:
[New York, February, 1785]

FROM MR. WALTON.

Mr Walton presents his Compliments to Genl Webb, requests the Honor of his Company to tea and spend the Evening on Tuesday next.

Thursday Morning

[Wm Walton N York Feby 1785] [1]

[1] See p. 84, *supra*.

FROM MR. MALIERÉ.

Mr Malierés Compliments to General Webb and requests the Honor of his Company at Tea and pass the Evening on Friday next February 18th.

The favor of an Answer is desired.

Saturday
[N York 1785]

FROM MR. BAYARD.

Mr Bayard presents his compliments to Genl Web, and requests the favour of his company, to pass next Wednesday evening.

Saturday Evening

[Nich[s] Bayard N York Feby. 1785] [1]

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[1] See p. 44, *supra*.

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FROM MR. MORRIS.[1]

Richd Morris presents his best Respects to Gen^{le} Webb, has been much distressed that he has not had it in his power to Return the Stockings before now But he has not been able to meet with any he thought good Enough — By the Bearer Morris sends two pair they are the Smallest in the parcell and Begs the Gen^{ll} will keep the pair he likes best.

Friday Morning

[Chief Justice Morris, N York March 1785]

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[1] In 1788 a leading Federalist, with Jay, Hamilton, Chancellor Livingston, and Duane.

FROM MR. MALIERÉ.

Mr Maliere presents his Compliments to General Webb and requests the Honor of his Company at Tea and pass the Evening on Friday next Febr. 25th.

The favor of an Answer is desired.

Sunday
[N York 1785]

FROM MR. ALSOP.

Mr Alsops [1] Sincere Condolence await upon Genl Webb, and is Very Sorry the bad weather will prevent his attending the funerall this afternoon.

Saturday morng 5 Mar.

[John Alsop New York 1785]

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[1] John Alsop, a member of the first Continental Congress from New York, and of wide mercantile connections. He retired from New York when the British took possession.

FROM MR. SITGREAVES.[1]

Mr. Sitgreaves returns compliments to Genl. Webb, and would do himself the pleasure of waiting on him to Dinner on Friday next but is previously engaged.

Thursday 8th March, [1785]
[New York M. Congress North Carolina]

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[1] John Sitgreaves (1740?–1802) was at this time a member of the Continental Congress from North Carolina. With good legal talents, he was, by Washington, appointed United States District Judge for that State.

FROM MR. FARQUHAR.

Mr Farquhar presents compliments to General Webb, and requests the favour of his company at diner to morrow

Tuesday 31st March

[James Farquhar N York 1785]

FROM MR. HOUSTON.[1]

Mr. Houstoun [1] returns Compliments to Gen. Webb, is sorry he cant have the honor of dining with him on friday next, agreeable to his polite Invitation as he is pre-engaged.

Tuesday 9th March 85
[N Yrk Georgia M. Congress]

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[1] William Houston (1744–1796) was governor of the State of Georgia, and was now a delegate in the Continental Congress.

FROM MR. SPAIGHT.[1]

Mr Spaight returns his compliments to General Webb, and cannot do himself the pleasure of dining with him on Friday next having a previous engagement.

Friday 8th March 1785
[N York M. Congress North Carolina]

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[1] Richard Dobbs Spaight (1758–1802), a colleague of Sitgreaves in the Continental Congress, had served in the militia of North Carolina, and in the State legislature. He was a member of the convention that framed the Constitution of the United States, and was largely instrumental in securing its adoption in his State. He died of a wound received in a duel with John Stanly.

FROM MR. SMITH.

Mr Smiths compliments to Genl Webb requests the favor of his company to tea and pass Wednesday Evening next

Friday 11th March

[P. N. Smith N York 1785] [1]

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[1] See p. 55, *supra*.

FROM MR. BULL.

M[r] Bull respectfull Comp[s] wait on Gen[l] Webb thanks him for his polite invitation for Friday next — would accept the same with pleasure, were he not pre-engaged — he requests to be pardoned for not answering the Generals Note sooner.

9th February 1785
[N York M. Congress for South Carolina] [1]

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[1] John Bull.

FROM MR. DUANE.

M[r] Duane [1] presents his Compliments to General Webb. Having Company to dine with him he begs the favor of the General to acquaint M[r] Skaats the bearer, who will be at the funerel, when the Corpse is ready to move of which M[r] Skaats will give immediate notice and M[r] Duane will instantly attend.

Saturday morning
[N York March 1785]

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[1] James Duane (1733–1797), for many years a leading spirit in the Continental Congress, and an active member on its more important committees. No other member of that body could show the same length of service and active participation in the proceedings. His legal training and love of detail made him extremely useful, and his connection with the Livingston family, from which he took his wife, gave him influence. Duanesburg, New York, was due to his interest.

FROM MR. MORRIS.[1]

May 20th 1785

Dr Sir

To morrow at two I intend to attack your Dumbfish [2] and shall Esteem it a particular favour if Genl. Webb will second me in the Charge, yours with Real Esteem

Ri. Morris

[Judge Morris N York]

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[1] See p. 100, *supra*.

[2] Dun fish, cod cured in a particular way, by which they become of a dun color. Washington was exceedingly fond of salt fish, and in June, 1782, Major General Robert Howe was to entertain him at dinner. He wrote an urgent letter to Webb asking for a loan of "as much fish as would serve a pretty large Company for dinner," promising to return it in a few days with "as good Dam fish as ever you saw." This probably refers to fish caught in the North River, but it may also be a misprint for "dun fish." *Correspondence and Journals of Samuel Blachley Webb*, II, 403.

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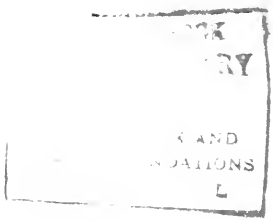
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FROM MR. WICKHAM.

Mr Wickham's [1] Compliments to General Webb and will do himself the pleasure to dine with him agreeable to his polite Invitation.

Monday Morng. 27th June
[New York 1785]

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[1] William Wickham.

FROM DR. GAMBLE.

Dear Sir

If you are unengaged to day I shall thank you for the pleasure of your Company to Dinner. Half past two oClock Yrs.

A. GAMBLE

Monday Morning
20th June 1785

Gen! Webb
[Doctr. Gamble]

FROM MR. MILLER.[1]

Mr E. Miller Junr

presents Compliments to General Webb and requests the favour of his company at dinner To Morrow at 3 o'Clock

Tuesday Morning
Oct 18th 1785 N York

[Eleazer Miller]

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[1] One of a General Committee chosen in 1775 to guide the movements of the patriotic faction in New York city.

FROM MESSRS. LUDLOW.[1]

Mr. G. & W. Ludlow Request the favor of Gen. Webb's company at dinner on Friday next 4 o'Clock

Tuesday 11th. Octr.
[N York 1785]

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[1] George and William Ludlow.

FROM MR. EDGAR.[1]

M[r] Edgar Requests the Honor of Gen[l] Webs Company to Dinner on thursday next at half past three Oclock.

Monday
[October 1785 N York]

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[1] William Edgar, a capitalist and philanthropist.

FROM MRS. WICKHAM.

Mr^{s} Wickhams Compliments to Genl Webb and will happy to see Him at Eleven OC.

Tuesday 10 oC
[Oct. 1785]

FROM MR. FARQUHAR.

M[r] Farquhar requests the favour of General Webb to dine with him tomorrow

Thursday Morning 10th Novem[r] 85

[James Farquhar N York]

FROM MR. SHERBROOK.[1]

Paulis Nook Novr 29th 1785

Dear Sir

I have at last determined to go home this winter and shall Embark next week in the packet. My Finances run very short and if you could let me have the ballance of your Acct — while at Flat Bush It will render me a Service. £32 16 4½ You may give it to our friend Shaler or Mr Jno C. Shaw — My best wishes attend you believe me D Sir yours &c &c

M. Sherbrooke

[Miles Sherbrook N York]

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[1] Miles Sherbrooke, a member of the mercantile house of Perry, Hayes and Sherbrooke, with a warehouse on Bayard Street. He was an original member of the Chamber of Commerce.

FROM MR. WALTON.

M[r] Abr[m] Walton's Compliments to General and Cap[t]: Webb and requests the honor of their Company at Dinner on Saturday.

Thursday 12 Jan[y] 86
[N York] [1]

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[1] See p. 94, *supra*.

FROM MR. DURYEE.[1]

Mr Ab. Duryee Begs the favr of Genl Webb's Company at Dinner on Fryday next.

Fryday Jany 13 : 86

We Expect to Dine half past three.

Answr if you Please.

[Abrm Duryee N York]

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[1] Abraham Duryee served in the War of Independence and was one of the prisoners on Long Island. He was a resident and voter in New York in 1761, and took the patriotic side in 1774. In 1799 he held property both in Wall and in Pearl Streets. His grandson, of the same name, commanded Duryee's Zouaves.

FROM MRS. McADAMS.

Mr^{s} McAdams Compliments to Genl Webb requests the Favor of his Company to pass the Evening on Tuesday next.

Friday Mor^{g}
N. York Jany 1786 [1]

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[1] William McAdam was vice president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1779. Ann McAdam was a householder in 1799, her property being on Broadway.

FROM MR. CRUGER.[1]

M[r] Cruger Requests the honor of Gen[l] Webb's Company to Dinner on Thursday next at 3 °Clock

Sunday Jan[y] 15 86

[Nicholas Cruger N York]

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[1] Nicholas Cruger, a nephew of John Cruger, the merchant prince of New York before the Revolution. He became a freeman in 1765.

FROM MR. WALTON.

M[r] Walton presents his Compliments to Gen[l] Webb, requests the Honor of his Company to Dinner on Wednesday next, 4 OClock.

Sunday Morn[g]

N York Feb[y] 1786
[W[m] Walton] [1]

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[1] See p. 84, *supra*.

FROM MRS. SMITH.

Mr^s. Smith's Comp^ts. to General Web and requests the Favor of his Company to spend the Evening on Friday next.

Jany. 31st. 1786
New York

FROM MR. WICKHAM.

Mr Wickham's Compliments to Genl Webb and begs the favour of his Company at dinner on Wednesday next at 4 oClock

Friday 10th Feby 1786

[Wm Wickham New York]

FROM DR. CHARLTON.[1]

Doctor Charlton's Complim^{ts} wait on Genl Webb. requests the favor of his Company this Evening at a Condale party with the ladies

Tuesday
7th March 86. [N York]

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[1] Dr. John Charlton, who lived at 100 Broadway. He had begun to practice in New York as early as 1761, and, during the war, lived on Long Island. He married Mary De Peyster, daughter of Abraham and Margaret Van Cortlandt De Peyster.

FROM MR. CRUGER.

Mr Crugers Compliments to Genl Webb and Requests the honor of his Company to Dinner on Wednesday next at 3 °Clock

Saturday Night Mar: 11th

[Nicholas Cruger N York 1786] [1]

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[1] See p. 122, *supra*.

FROM MR. HINDMAN.

M[r] Hindman [1] presents his Compliments to Gen[l] Webb and begs the Favor of his Company at Dinner on Friday next at four OClock.

Monday March 13th

An Answer is requested

[N York 1786]

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[1] William Hindman of Maryland (1743–1822), a lawyer of English training, a patriot and after a service in the State Senate now become a member of the Continental Congress. He was a representative in Congress for six years, and was chosen to the Senate, retiring in 1801.

FROM DR. CHARLTON.

Doctor Charlton's Complim^{ts} to Genl Webb, requesting the favor of his Company next Saturday Evening.

Tuesday
20th March 86. [N York] [1]

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[1] See p. 126, *supra*.

FROM MR. McEVERS.

M^r McEvers's Compliments to General Webb and is sorry to Request his Assistance in the Sum to be Paid for Mrs Dunscombe; as his Son Charles informs him that his Cash is exhausted.

Monday 27th March

[Chas McEvers, N York 1786] [1]

[1] See p, 73, *supra.*

FROM MR. MILLER.

Mr Miller, presents Compliments to Genl Webb and requests the Honor of his Company on Fryday Evening.

Wednesday 26 Apr^l^

[Eleazer Miller N York 1786]

FROM MR. LIVINGSTON.

M[r] Walter Livingston presents his compliments to Gen[l] Webb and requests the honor of his company at dinner on Wednesday next at 4 o'Clock.

May 20
[N York 1786]

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[1] Walter Livingston (1740–1797) was chosen to the Provincial Congress of New York, and after the war to the Continental Congress. With Arthur Lee and Samuel Osgood he served on the Board of Treasury, conducting its affairs when there was little to collect and less to spend, and when the bankruptcy of the Confederation forced the framing of a system of a better government, under which the Treasury passed into the keeping of Hamilton. Livingston married Cornelia Schuyler, stepdaughter of Dr. John Cochrane.

FROM MR. LIVINGSTON.

Mr Ph. Ph. Livingston requests the favor of General Webb's Company at Dinner on thursday next at 4 °Clock.

Tuesday 16th May
[N York 1786]

FROM MR. WATSON.

J. Watson presents his compliments to Genl Webb and asks his company to dinner tomorrow at 2 OClock.

Answer if you please.

July 8th 4 OClock P M

[Capt Watson N York] [1]

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[1] James Watson, a merchant, who was enrolled as a freeman of New York in 1788. His house was on State Street.

FROM MR. RAMSEY.

Col^{o} Ramsey presents his Compliments to General Webb and wishes to be informed whither the Officers today will in general appear in their Uniform and with their side Arms: And if so whither or no General Webb can with perfect conveniency accommodate Col^{o} Ramsey with a small Sword

Tuesday 11 OClock
New York 4th July 1786]

FROM MRS. WICKHAM.

Mr^{s} Wickhams Compliments to Genl Webb. begs he will excuse this intrusion at so busy an hour the appology must be its not occurring to her memory when he was here. to know wheather he can possibly obtain the Surtificates. she laments her being oblidge to ask the favour at this juncture. and beg to know if the Genl cant give her instructions to release him from the trouble.

[New York, August 19, 1786]

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Mr. Temple presents his compliments & begs
to have the favor of Gen.l Webb's company
at Dinner next Thursday at 4 o'Clock. —

Sunday Even.g
3.d Sept. 86

FROM MR. TEMPLE.[1]

M[r] Temple presents his Compliments and begs to have the favor of Gen[l] Webb's Company at Dinner next Thursday at 4 o'Clock.

Sunday Even[g]
3[d] Sept. 86
[N York 1786]

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[1] Sir John Temple, British consul general at New York. His career had been an eventful one, for he had married Governor James Bowdoin's daughter, had served in the Customs Board of America before the Revolution, and at a very interesting period, and had figured in more than one diplomatic incident in the relations between Great Britain and her rebellious colonies. His daughter married Thomas Lindall Winthrop of Boston.

FROM MR. WINTHROP.

M^r. Winthrop's Comp^ts. to General Webb, will be happy in having the pleasure of his Company with M^r. Barrells family today at Dinner.

Tuesday 28th. Novr. 86

[Frank Winthrop Boston]

FROM MAJOR HASKELL.

I left my Diploma at home. This day I pass in quarters in secret but not at prayer. — Will you give me a call in the evening. I had a letter last evening from New York which will render an appropriation of part of my time to-morrow to accomplish objects therein mentioned

Yours

E. HASKELL

[Maj. Haskell BOSTON Decr 1786]

FROM MR. FILIECHY.

Mr Filiechy returns his compliments to General Webb. Being pre-engaged with Mr Spooner he cannot do himself the honor to dine tomorrow at Mr Barret's.

Friday 15th Decr
[Boston 1786]

FROM MR. SWAN.[1]

M^r. Swan's Compt^s. to General Webb and requests the honor of his Company to Dine next Tuesday the 5th. of Decem^r. Inst. at ½ past 2 oClock

Friday 1 Dec^r.
[Boston 1786]

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[1] James Swan, a writer on finance, and prominent in France after the peace of 1783, where he negotiated an arrangement of the American debt and engaged in other speculations, as well as carrying on an extensive commerce.

FROM MR. JEFFREY.

Mr and Mrs Jeffrey present Compliments to Genl Webb, and ask the favor of his company to Dinner, tomorrow three oClock. —

Mr Jeffrey would have done himself the pleasure to have sent earlier, but was uncertain if his health would permit him to see company.

Friday noon
[Boston Decr 1786]

FROM MR. JONES.[1]

Mr J. C. Jones presents his compliments to General Webb, and asks the favor of his dining with him on tuesday, next

Sunday Evening

[Jn° C. Jones Boston Decr 1786]

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[1] John Coffin Jones, merchant, living on Hanover Street.

FROM DR. CHARLTON.

Doctor Charlton's Compliments to General Webb requests the pleasure of his Company to pass next Wednesday Evening —

Friday Morning

wrote by Miss Depuyster.
[Jany. 1787] [1]

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[1] See p. 126, *supra*.

FROM MR. AND MRS. SCOTT.

M^r and Mrs Scott present their Compliments to Genl Webb and request the favor of his Company on friday Evening the 19th Instant.

Thursday the 11th of Jany. 1787

An answer is requested

[M^r Jn Scott N York]

FROM WALTER LIVINGSTON.

Wednesday

Sir

I did myself the honor to call on you yesterday to request you come this evening as early as possibly — Maria is anxious to consult you and wishes your aid, and you have too much gallantry to decline the invitation.

Your Hum^{bl} Servt

WALTER LIVINGSTON

[N YORK Jany 1787] [1]

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[1] See p. 132, *supra*.

FROM MR. PATRICK.

Mr Patrick's Compliments to General Webb will be happy to have the Honour of his Company to Diner on Friday at Nº 206 Water Street at 3 OClock.

Wednesday 7th Febry 87

[N York Mr Patrick]

FROM MR. LUDLOW.

Mr C. Ludlow presents his Compliments to General. Webb and Requests the pleasure of his Company to pass the Evening on Fryday next.

Friday Morning Feby. 16th. 1787

[Cary Ludlow N York]

FROM MR. SARGENT.

I request, my Dear General, that you and your Brother Jack would do me the Pleasure of dining with me on Thursday next at 2 °Clock

affectionately yours

W SARGENT

Tuesday 25th Sept.

[Majr. Winthrop Sargent BOSTON 1787] [1]

[1] Winthrop Sargent, an old comrade of Webb, who became prominent in Western settlement and governor of the Northwest Territory. He died in New Orleans, 1820.

FROM MR. ELIOT.

Mr Eliot addresses his best Compliments to Mr Webb, and requests the pleasure of his Company at Dinner To Morrow — ¼ past Two oClock.

Tuesday Noon

[Mr Elliott Boston Sept. 1787]

FROM DR. BULFINCH.

Doctor Bulfinch's compliments to General and Colonel Webb — asks the pleasure of their company at dinner on Friday next, ½ past 2 oClock —

Sunday Morn^g^
[Boston Sept. 1787] [1]

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[1] Dr. Thomas Bulfinch, whose house stood in Bowdoin Square.

FROM MR. FLEMING.

Mr Fleming's compliments to General Webb — requests the honor of his company to dine with him Monday next at half past three.

Tuesday Morning 19th Febr 1788

[Sampson Fleming New York 19th Feby 1788]

FROM MR. WATSON.

Dear Gen[l]

The inclosed came just now to hand perhaps you will chuse to take charge of it yourself the man is in haste to deliver it Yours assuredly

J WATSON

July 2nd 1788.[1]

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[1] See p. 134, *supra*.

FROM CHANCELLOR LIVINGSTON.[1]

The Chancellor presents his comp^{s} to Genl Web and begs the favor of his company for the evening on Saturday next.

Saturday

[Chancellor Livingston New York Jany 1788]

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[1] Robert R. Livingston, whose long and prominent career in the public service brought great credit to the State as well as to his family. In his diplomatic service as well as in his Continental and State appointments was proved the worth of his capacity and honorable character.

FROM SIR JOHN TEMPLE.

Sir John Temple's Compliments to General Webb, and to Captain Webb, and requests the favor of their Company to dinner on Saturday at 4.

Wednesday Evening
23[d] July
[New York July 1788] [1]

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[1] See p. 137, *supra.*

FROM MISS LOTT.

If General Webb has got the School for Scandal he will greatly oblige Miss Cornelia Lott by the loan of it.

New York Augt 1788
Tuesday morning
[New York]

FROM THE DUTCH MINISTER.[1]

[Printed]

T H E Minister of the United Netherlands presents his Compliments to General Webb and requests the Favor of his Company, at Dinner, on Tuesday next, at 4 o'Clock Tuesday 12 Aug. 1788

An Answer is requested

[N York]

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[1] Francis P. Van Berckel.

FROM MR. HARRISON.[1]

M[r] Harrison's Comp[s] to Gen[l] Webb — feels greatly obliged to him for his polite Attention this Morning — and regrets that it will not be in his Power to be one of the proposed Party. He finds that Business of Importance will interfere so much as to deprive him of the Pleasure which he promised himself upon that Occasion.

Thursday Noon

[Rich[d] Harrison, New York Aug[t] 28th 1788]

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[1] A lawyer, who in 1791 became auditor of the National Treasury, and held the office for many years. He lived on Pearl Street at this time, but moved with the administration to the south.

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Be pleased to bring Mrs Green to my house to pass the day I am unfortunate in having my only spare room occupied by my friend Mrs Ogden, but if Mrs Green will accept half my bed it shall be at her service

L Knox

Wednesday Octr 29th

General Webb

FROM MRS. KNOX.[1]

Be pleased to bring Mr^s. Green to my house to pass the day I am unfortunate in having my only spare room occupied by my friend Mr^s. Ogden, but if Mr^s. Green will accept half my bed it shall be at her Service.

L Knox

Wednesday O^ct. 29th

[Mr^s. Lucy Knox, New York 1788]

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[1] The wife of Major General Henry Knox, and a warm friend of Mrs. Washington and Mrs. Greene. The three names are often found linked together during and after the war.

FROM MR. EDGAR.

Thursday 8th Jany. 89

Dear Sir

If you are not Engaged To Morrow Evenᵍ. I Request the favor of Your Company. It is a Ladys party. I therefore hope you will prove a true Knight and Come.

Yrˢ &ᶜ.

W. Edgar

[Wᵐ. Edgar, N York Jany. 8th 1789] [1]

[1] See p. 115, *supra*.

FROM MR. BACHE.

Mr Bache's Compliments to Genl Webb, and requests the favor of his Company to dine with him on Sunday 2 oClock.

Thursday Nov. 20. 88

[Theophilact Bache, New York] [1]

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[1] See p. 54, *supra*.

FROM MESSRS CREVECOEUR.[1]

Messrs. de Crevecoeur and de la Forets Presents their best Compliments to G'l Webb and begs the Favor of his Company to dinner on Saturday next, to morrow, 3 o'clock.

Friday morn: [New York, January 9, 1789.]

[1] Hector St. John de Crèvecoeur, one of the most interesting of the many interesting Frenchmen who have come to this country, the friend of Franklin and of the Comtesse d'Houdetot. He settled in New York and left many memorials of his life. La Foret was French consul at New York.

FROM HECTOR ST. JOHN.

Mr St John's best Compliments To G^{l} Webb, is very sorry that a lame Finger which has been very painful should have prevented him from the Pleasure of waiting on him and if not too much Trouble would be much obliged to him for one quarter of an hour of chatt.

Wednesday noon
[N York, March 1789]

FROM CHANCELLOR AND MRS. LIVINGSTON.

The Chancellor and Mr^s^ Livingston present their compliments to Genl Webb and request the honor of his Company next Friday Evening at half past six oClock.

[N York March 1790] [1]

[1] See p. 154, *supra*.

FROM MR. MACOMB.[1]

Mr. Macomb requests the favor of Genl. Webb's Company at dinner on Tuesday next at 4.

Saturday Octr. 15.

[Alexander McComb, New York 15th Octr. 1791]

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[1] Afterwards Major General Macomb, for his bravery at Plattsburg, in 1813, in repelling an attack by the British force under Sir George Provost. On the death of General Jacob Brown in 1828, Macomb became general in chief of the army, and retained the command until his death in 1841. He wrote a work on Courts Martial which was held in high repute.

FROM MISS YATES.

Miss Yates's Compliments to Genl Webb & will be much obliged to him for calling on her before he sees Either Mr^{s} Knox or the Miss Rosavalts.

Monday Morning

Wrote by Mr^{s} Wickham

FROM MR. LAURANCE.

Mr. Laurance presents his Compliments to Genl. Webb, requests the favor of his Company to dinner on Wenesday next four oClock.

Wenesday

Nº. 13 Wall street

Please to Answer if Engaged

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